

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
San Luis Valley Field Office
46525 Highway 114
Saguache, CO 81212**

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-300-2013-0012 CX

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER (optional):

PROJECT NAME: CO 7 Saguache LP (Verizon) Communication Site Improvements

PLANNING UNIT:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: New Mexico Principal Meridian, T.39N, R.7E, Sec 18, Lot 3-4,
SENW and NESW, Rio Grande County, Colorado

APPLICANT: Bureau of Land Management

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION We received an application from CO 7 Saguache LP (Verizon Wireless) for wanting to make improvements to the existing CO 7 Monte Vista Communication Site. The site improvements will consist of replacing the current equipment shelter with a new 26x12 equipment shelter. This will be a prefabricated shelter with a Natural Aggregate finish color. The old equipment shelter will be removed from the site. The outdoor backup power generator will also be removed and replace with a new generator that will be housed inside the equipment shelter. They will also have to add more chain link fencing to the existing fence to enclose the new equipment shelter. The new fencing will tie into the existing fencing and will be built on 3 sided with about 18 feet on two sides and 47 feet on one side to enclose the equipment shelter. This will still be located in the original authorized Communication Site facilities. They will abide by the Motorola R56 Standards and Guidelines for Communication Sites for all installations involved.

They are also proposing to install a fiber optic line. The fiber optic line will be buried alongside the existing access road within 5 feet of the roadway. The road is also listed as a BLM administrative road 5120A in the travel management plan. The fiber optic line will start from Hwy 160 follow the access road and end at the equipment shelter. Currently the road is also issued under COC-53647 as an "as built" to Verizon and also under COC-38667 to Qwest for a buried telephone line for a 20 foot wide ROW Grant, and COC-88197 to SLVREC for a buried power line also for a 20 foot wide ROW Grant. The new fiber optic line will be issued under a separate ROW Grant to Verizon.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3) the following plan:

Name of Plan: San Luis Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: December 18, 1991

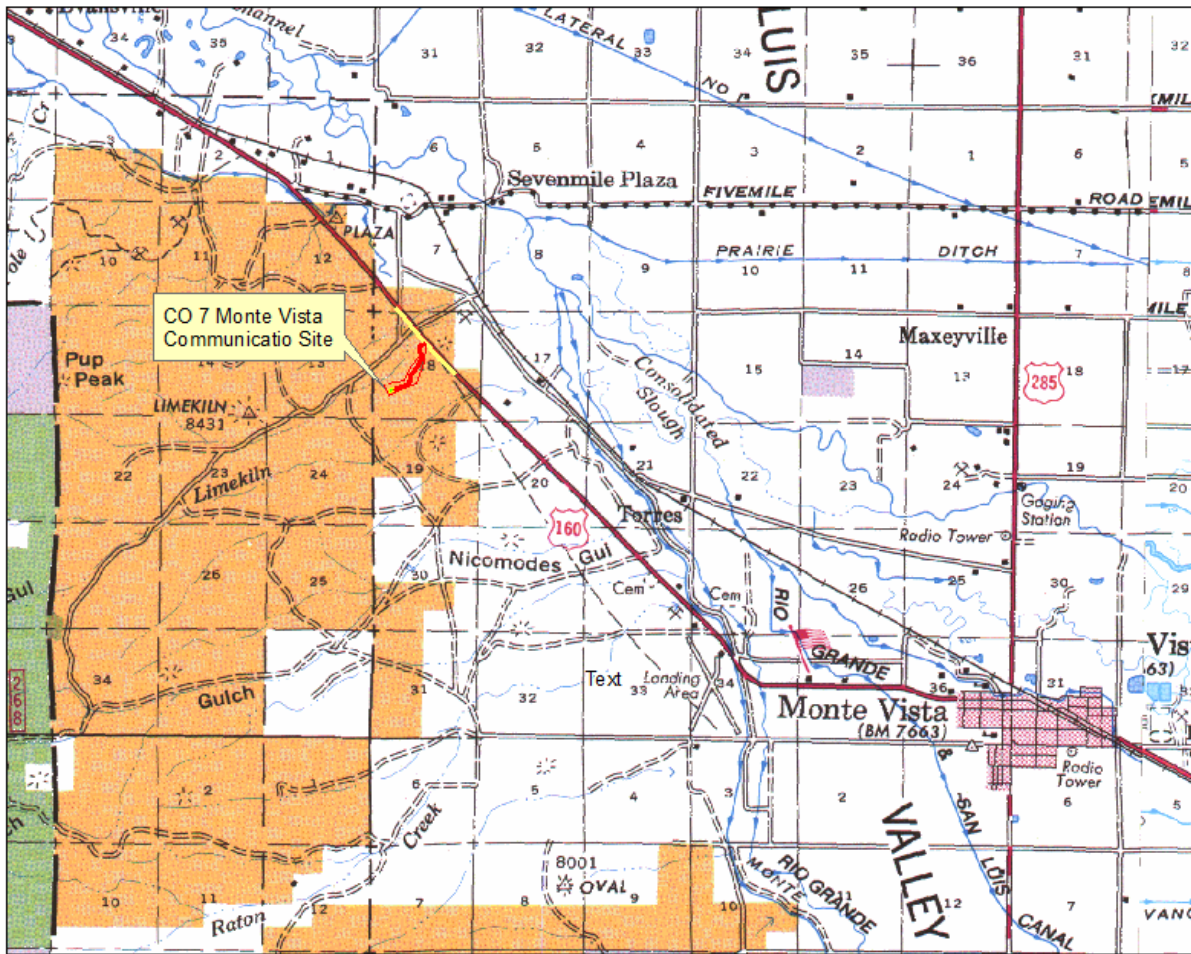
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Decision Language: All other BLM lands will be open to rights-of-ways for other utility lines, roads, etc... and each request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for alignment and mitigation stipulations

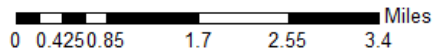
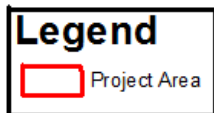
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: This proposed action is listed as a Categorical Exclusion in DOI Departmental Manual Part 516 Chapter 11 E (13). None of the following exceptions in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Exclusion Criteria	YES	NO
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; lands with wilderness characteristics; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		X
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		X
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.		X
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		X
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.		X





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Exhibit B Existing Layout

Verizon wireless
VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES
3151 S. ALPINE CIRCLE ST. #500
DENVER, CO 80202

CS&I
ARCHITECTURE - PLANNING & DESIGN
10000 E. 10TH AVE. SUITE 100
DENVER, CO 80231
TEL: 303.753.0801

PROJECT INFORMATION
PROJECT NAME: C07 MONT VISTA
PROJECT NO: 111152
CLIENT: VERIZON WIRELESS
LOCATION: MONT VISTA, CO 81144

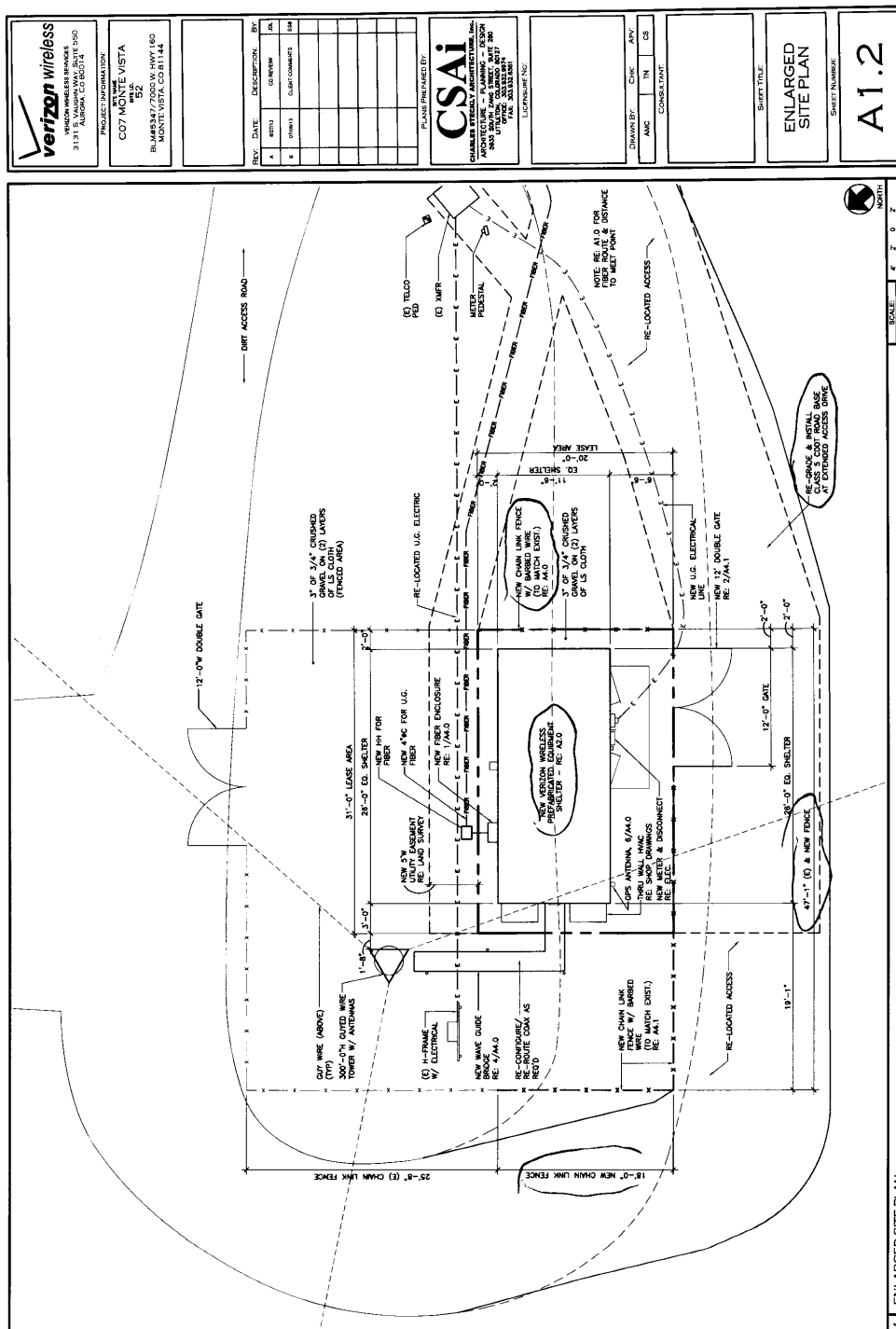
REVISIONS

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY
1	11/11/10	CONCRETE PAD TO BE REMOVED	CS&I
2	11/11/10	UTILITY LINES TO BE REMOVED	CS&I
3	11/11/10	300'-0" GATED AREA WITH ANTENNAS	CS&I
4	11/11/10	47'-2" FENCED AREA	CS&I
5	11/11/10	25'-9" FENCED AREA	CS&I
6	11/11/10	6'-0" CHAIN LINK FENCE	CS&I
7	11/11/10	RELOCATE GATE BRIDGE	CS&I
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ENLARGED SITE PLAN (DEMO)
SHEET NUMBER: A1.1

Exhibit C proposed improvements, Fence/Building



INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM REVIEW			
NAME	TITLE	AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	Initials/date
Alyssa Radcliff	Wildlife Biologist	Terrestrial Wildlife, T&E species, Migratory Birds, Invasive Plants, Fisheries	ANR 9/9/13
Melissa Shawcroft	Range Specialist	Range Management	MS 9/9/13
Sue Swift-Miller/Jill Lucero	Wildlife Biologist	Wetlands	SMS 9/23/13
Eduardo Duran	NRS	Riparian, T&E Plant species, Prime and Unique Farmland, Vegetation	END 9/23/13
Andrew Archuleta	Physical Scientist	Minerals	ASA 9/23/2013
Negussie Tedela	Hydrologist	Hydrology, Water Quality/Rights, Soils, Air Quality	NT 9/11/13
Sean Hines/Leon Montoya	Cadastral Surveyor	Cadastral Survey	LM 9/17/13
Sean Noonan	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Recreation, Wilderness, LWCs, Visual, ACEC, W&S Rivers,	STN 9/15/13
Martin Weimer	NEPA Coordinator	Environmental Justice, Noise, SocioEconomics	mw, 9/9/13
Jeff Brown	Archaeologist	Cultural, Native American	JGB 09/18/2013
Leon Montoya	Realty Specialist	Lands & Realty/Waste/Hazmat	LM 9/17/13

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources:-The area of potential effect for the proposed project was covered by a Class III Cultural Resources Inventory in 1992. No cultural resources were located within or immediately adjacent to the APE so there will be no adverse impacts to historic or cultural resources.

Native American Religious Concerns: There are no known Native American concerns within the Area of potential Effect (APE).

Discovery and Education: Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.

Threatened and Endangered Species (Animals)

Threatened and Endangered Species (Plants)

COMPLIANCE PLAN (optional):

NAME OF PREPARER: Leon Montoya

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Martin Weimer

DATE:

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this Categorical Exclusion and have decided to implement the Proposed Action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action relative to the 10 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an exception and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:

/s/ Andrew Archuleta
Andrew Archuleta, Field Office Manager

DATE SIGNED: 9/25/13